

**Government Affairs Committee
June 9, 2005 @ 3:30 p.m.
Tribal Office Boardroom**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order. Those present: Kathy Kaquatosh, Bob Lansing and Jeremy Weso. Absent: Stephanie Awonohopay, Marci Hawpetoss and Ben Kaquatosh. Also present: Dan Maine.

2. Moment of Silence:

A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated May 12, 2005:

The minutes of May 12, 2005 were not in the packets.

**Motion by Jeremy Weso to table the review of minutes dated May 12, 2005.
Seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Kathy Kaquatosh to suspend the agenda and move to item #11.
Seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor, motion carried.**

11. Discussion/Action on Short Term Disability:

There was a concern on employees who are on short term disability and there is not enough money in department budgets to cover hiring a temporary replacement employee. Is there a possibility to treat this as more of an insurance policy and have employees/departments contribute so that departments are able to hire someone temporarily?

The insurance department has looked into this before and at the time the cost was going to be more than we were going to be able to spend. But we are looking at this again. The insurance department is looking at all the insurance premiums and will be bringing these figures to the Government Affairs committee at their next regular meeting.

Motion by Jeremy Weso to table item #11. Seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jeremy Weso to go back to the regular agenda. Seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor, motion carried.

4. Discussion/Action on Wolf River Development Charter:

We need to get John Wilhelmi's opinion included in the packet. The committee would like to see John start drafting out his ideas.

Laurie will contact John and have him provide a draft based on his memo and get copies of his opinion to everyone on the committee.

There will be an update on this for the next agenda.

Motion by Jeremy Weso to table item #4. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor, motion carried.

5. Discussion/Action on Flag Use Policy:

Jeremy handed out a draft of the Flag Use Policy.

The “sale of” element needs to be added. That is one of the biggest issues is that people come in wanting to purchase a flag.

Jeremy will e-mail his draft with changes to everyone so hopefully we can be done with this at the next meeting.

Motion by Bob Lansing to table item #5. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor, motion carried.

6. Discussion/Action on Requests for Proposals/Judgment Fund Interest:

Laurie is still working on this.

Motion by Kathy Kaquatosh to table item #6. Seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor, motion carried.

7. Discussion/Action on Amendments to Ordinance 82-10 Tribal Preference:

Laurie received a draft from John Wilhelmi. It is a very simplified draft; Laurie will e-mail all the committee members the draft.

Jeremy brought up Article 15 of the Constitution is this considered in 82-10? “All employment and promotions of employees of the tribal government shall be made solely on the basis of merit and fitness as demonstrated by examinations or other evidence relevant to show competence for the particular employment in question”.

Laurie will talk to John about her concerns on his draft and ask if Article 15 of the Constitution needs to be taken into account.

Motion by Bob Lansing to table item #7. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor, motion carried.

8. Update on Wage Deduction Policy:

Rob Orcutt is working on this and Kathy will check with him to see how far he is with it for the next meeting.

Motion by Kathy Kaquatosh to table item #8. Seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor, motion carried.

9. Discussion/Action Rules of Procedure:

The last final draft went to the MTL on November 4th. The Legislature went through it and the Chairman wrote up the comments from the Legislature and sent it to Laurie in memo form.

Solicitation/acceptance of gifts could we reference something in the Personnel, Policies & Procedures about them being culturally acceptable if they accept them.

We need to beef up the conduct but who/how would this be monitored?

As a Legislator you represent the Tribe and you have to always be aware that whatever you do you're in the public eye.

We could suggest hiring a person (Chief of Staff) to help both the Legislature and Chairman with Legislative work that Administration is doing which Administration should not be doing. This person could also call Legislators on their behavior but would have to be beyond reproach.

We also need to write something up on rules on why the legislature does not take committee recommendations after a committee has taken months working on an issue. Otherwise why do you even have these committees?

Motion by Jeremy Weso to table agenda items 9 through 13 because we will be losing our quorum. Seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor, motion carried.

10. Discussion/Action on Ordinance 95-04 Tribal Government Plan:

11. Discussion/Action on Short Term Disability:

12. Discussion/Action on Computerization for MTL/Boardroom:

13. Other Business:

14. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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